

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1880.

A Chilian Outrage.

Mr. James Campbell, an employee of the Ft. Wayne railroad, yesterday received a letter from his son William, who is now in Peru, which brought the startling news that another son, James, had been captured by the Chilians in a raid, and after having been subjected to various cruelties had been tried and shot. Your correspondent visited the house of Mr. Campbell, on Pennsylvania avenue, Allegheny, and was shown parts of the letter in which reference was made to the affair. It is dated Arequipa, Peru, March 28, and occupies six pages of closely written foolscap. James Campbell, the elder of the two sons, it seems left a position in the machine shops of the Ft. Wayne road in 1878, and went to Peru, and in a short time was made superintendent and master mechanic of the "M. A. and Puma railroad," which passes through the interior of the country, he having charge of the shops at Molendo. On the 7th of March a large party of the Chilian cavalry rode into Molendo for the purpose of taking possession of the railroad property. In anticipation of the incursion the most valuable machinery had been taken out and buried under the superintendence of Mr. Campbell and his brother. The commander of the party demanded to be shown the place of concealment, but the young men, faithful to the interests of their adopted country, stubbornly refused to disclose it, notwithstanding repeated threats of violence. While the party was in progress both the Campbell boys attempted to escape. William, the younger son, left the place at nine o'clock in the morning and was recaptured brought back and placed under guard. At 10 o'clock in the afternoon he improved another opportunity of escaping in the mountains, and this time was successful in eluding pursuit, and by midnight was fully sixteen miles from his starting point in a dreary desolate mountain region destitute of food and almost perishing from thirst. Trudging wearily along he came upon a party of Chilians at about four o'clock, who, being ignorant of his character, gave him food and drink, but with true South American instinct relieved him of all his loose cash amounting to about \$200. He then tramped on to a place called Tamba, and then along the railroad and wood paths to the seaport town, from which he wrote to his parents.

Shortly before his escape from the railroad town at which he had been employed, his elder brother James, too, had succeeded in eluding the guard and escaping to the open country, and when William learned this he was extremely anxious for his welfare. Not finding him at Arequipa, as he had expected, he tramped back 107 miles to Tamba station, there to find that his brother James had been recaptured and subjected to countless insults and indignities. The recapture had been made at a place called Ausenada, by a detachment of the party about thirteen miles from the headquarters at Molendo. William was still stubborn, and true as steel to the interest of his employers, and absolutely refused to give the slightest clue to the place of concealment. For this he was tied by a lasso and led in the rear of the detachment of cavalry over thirteen miles of burning sand under a tropical sun without water, and with no clothes but an old pair of pants and a working shirt, which he had been allowed to keep.

When the party reached headquarters at Molendo, the prisoner was searched, and all his money, \$300, taken from him, as far as his brother could learn, he had been court-martialed and shot. From the tenor of the letter it would seem that the German consul at Molendo to whom application was made, was powerless to rescue the unfortunate American. The parents of the roving boys of course feel very anxious, but hope for the best.—Pittsburg Leader.

The Duc de Monteleone, who died lately in Naples, was the last descendant of Hernando Cortes, the famous conqueror of Mexico. Cortes left only one legitimate son, who succeeded him as Marquis of the Valley. In the fourth generation, the male line became extinct, and the estate and title descended to a female. By her marriage the family was united with that of the house of Terranova, descendants of the great captain, Gonzalo de Cordova. By a subsequent marriage the estates passed into the family of the Duc de Monteleone, who has just died, the last of his line. The Duc lived in Sicily, where he owned an enormous property, and by his death one of the few remaining memories of the wonderful men who conquered America is destroyed. His fortune is estimated at thirteen million francs.

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